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1. AFTER NUMBER OF CHANGES IN DATE DUE TO PRESIDENT HAMDI'S ABSENCE IN RABAT, ALGIERS AND TRIPOLI, CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY WAS RECONVENED ON NOV 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCLAMATION OF OCT 22 WHICH RESTORED CONSTITUTION AND "UNFROZE" ASSEMBLY. INAGURAL MEETING LASTED TWENTY MINUTES MOST OF WHICH DEVOTED TO SPEECH BY HAMDI EXHORTING ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TO WORK TO BRING "NEW ERA" TO YEMEN AND PLEDGING FULL COOPERATION OF COMMAND COUNCIL AND CABINET. HE SPECIFICALLY CHARGED ASSEMBLY TO PREPARE NEW LAW FOR ELECTIONS

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(SCHEDULED EARLY NEXT YEAR UNDER CONSTITUTION), AND TO AMEND

SOME ARTICLES TO CONSTITUTION (MOST PROBABLY INCLUDING ONE WHICH REQUIRES PRESIDENT TO BE FORTY YEARS OLD SINCE HAMDI IS ONLY THIRTY-SEVEN).

2. ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS INAUGURAL SESSIONS IS THAT PRIME MINISTER DID NOT PRESENT TRADITIONAL POLICY STATEMENT. INSTEAD PRIME MINISTER AL-AYNI SAT ON GOVERNMENT FRONT BENCH WEDGED AMONG FIVE MILITARY FELLOW MEMBERS OF COMMAND COUNCIL.

3. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT AYNi, WHO ENJOYS GOOD IF CLEARLY SUBORDINATE RELATIONS WITH HAMDI, FINDS NEW ARRANGEMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM AND IS NOT LIKELY TO RESIGN. BOTH HE AND TAIZ MILITARY COMMANDER LTC DIRHAM ABU LUHUM (A COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBER) SEEM TO HAVE ACCEPTED COOPERATION WITH HAMDI RATHER THAN THE MORE UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS OF BACKING FAMILY MEMBERS EX-HODEIDA GOVERNOR SHAIKH SINAN ABU LUHUM AND EX-CC MEMBER LTC ALI ABU LUHUM IN THEIR ERRATIC AND TURBULENT EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE HAMDI. GENERAL VIEW IS THAT HAMDI BY RESTORING CONSTITUTION AND CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY AND REMOVING SHAIKH SINAN HAS ACHIEVED EIGHTY TO NINETY PERCENT OF HIS AIMS, DEFERRING ONLY ON FORM OF NEW CIVILIAN PRESIDENCY. PRESIDENCY LEGAL ADVISER HUSAIN AL-HUBAISHI COMMENTED TO ME THAT HAMDI COULD HAVE TAKEN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT, BUT ONLY BY BLOODSHED, SOMETHING EVERY YEMENI LEADER WISHES TO AVOID AFTER MANY YEARS OF CIVIL WAR.

4. COMMENT: HAMDI'S TACTICS OF DIVIDE AND RULE SEEM TO HAVE WORKED WELL IN LONG-AWAITED CONFRONTATION WITH SHAIKH SINAN. NEWTON

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